coal, deficiencies in operation and maintenance, lack of financial resources with State Electricity Boards, problems of industrial relations, etc.

Statement

State Electricity Board	Plant Load Factor (%) April 86-Jan. 87
Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking	68.3
Haryana Electricity Board	33.9
Rajasthan Electricity Board	48.6
Punjab Electricity Board	66.4
Uttar Pradesh Electricity Board	38.6
Gujarat Electricity Board	53.3
Maharashtra Electricity Board	5051
Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board	51.7
Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board	68.1
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	64.4
Karnataka Power Corporation	46.2
Bihar Electricity Board	34.1
Orissa Electricity Board	30.0
West Bengal Electricity Board	39.5
Durgapur Projects Limited	27.7
Assam Electricity Board	17.8

Identity Cards for Voters

533. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 2nd January, 1987 (local edition) that Andhra Pradesh Government had decided to issue identity cards with photographs to all voters, free of charge, in Telani to eliminate impersonation in elections;

(b) whether there is a similar proposal to begin with in the border areas in the East and West; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Election Commission has no information in this regard. The press report presumably refers to elections to the local bodies in Andhra Pradesh in respect of which the Eelection Commission has no jurisdiction.

(b and (c) On the basis of the experience gathered on the introduction of identity cards in Sikkim and some other North-Eastern States, the Election Commission is in favour of a system where identity cards will be used not merely for the purpose of elections but for other multi purpose uses also. The Election Commission is making some experiments on a limited scale in some areas and it proposes to send its views to the Government in due course.

Letters of Intent

534. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Letters of Intent sought during 1984, 1985 and 1986 from each State;

(b) how many of them were from private and public sectors; and

(c) how many of them were from the Government sponsored companies or agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The State-wise number of Industrial Licence applications received under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951

for the grant of Letters of Intent from public and private sector during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is given in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 17] Statistics in respect of Government sponsored companies or agencies as such is not centrally maintained.

Working of State Electricity Boards

535. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 16th Jan, '87 regarding Prime Minister's observation that money being spent on voltage stabilisers is a national wastage and that State Electricity Boards should be made responsible for the damages to sophisticated equipments caused by power fluctuations; and

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken in this direction by each State Electricty Board and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b The supply of power to consumers by the Stute Electricity Boards is regulated under the Indian Electricity Rules 1956 which provide for permissible limits of voltage. Use of voltage stabilizers helps in maintaining stable conditions of voltage for requipments which are sensitive to voltage variations. State Electricity Boards/ State Governments have been advised from time to time to take measures for the strengthening of power transmission and distribution networks to improve quality of power supply.

Electricity generation in the country

536. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electricity generation is picking up on percentage basis during the last one year; if so; what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the total newly added capacity in terms of Mega Watts during the last one year and its, category-wise, such as hydel, thermal, atomic, non-conventional;

(c) what is the overall volume of electricity supply in the country, state-wise and sector-wise such as, industrial, agricultural, domestic etc. during the last one year; and

(d) what are the Statewise plant load factor and generation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes Sir. The Electricity generation during the period April 1986-January, 1987 was 10.3 per cent more as compared to the generation in the corresponding period last year.

(b) The additional capacity commissioned during April '86—January '87 was 1812 Mega Watts comprising 1500 MW thermal, and 312 MW hydro.

(c) and (d) The required information is given in Annexures I and II.

[*See* Appendix CXLI Annexure No. 18].

Polyester Scandal

537. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that charges were made agains Reliance Textile Industries in an article "Monopoly House behind Polyester Scandal" published in the